

REMARKS

In the application claims 1, 4-18, and 20-44 remain pending. Claims 2, 3, and 19 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 20-44 have been added by amendment. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification, figures, and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added. In particular, various of the claims have been amended for the purpose of improving the readability thereof while claims 10 and 14 have been amended in response to a rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Previously submitted claims 1, 2, 5-17, and 19 stand rejected, previously submitted claims 3 and 4 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were considered to contain allowable subject matter, and previously submitted claim 18 stands allowed.

In response to the rejection of previously submitted claims 1, 2, 5-17, and 19, claim 19 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of previously submitted claim 3, which was considered to be subject matter that was acknowledged to be missing from the cited references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of now pending claims 1 and 4-17 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Dependent claims 10 and 14 have been amended to ensure proper antecedent bases and, as such, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 10 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Finally, added claims 20 and 35, and the claims that depend thereon, should be considered to be allowable for the reason that they include subject matter that the Office Action acknowledged to be missing from the cited references.

CONCLUSION

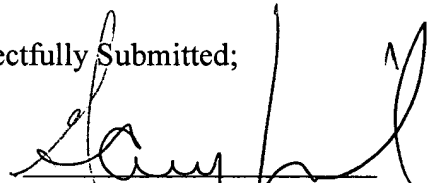
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. Such action of the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. Should it be determined, however, that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the attorney undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit overpayment to deposit account 50-2428 in the name of Greenberg Traurig.

Respectfully Submitted;

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